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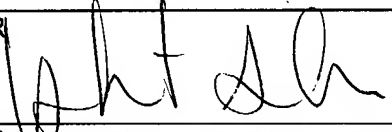
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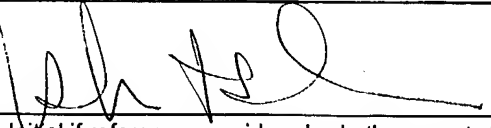| LIST OF COPENDING APPLICATIONS | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 826.1526D | APPLICATION NO. Unassigned |
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